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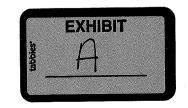
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UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

SARETHA LAND 874 King George Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio 44121) CASE NO.) JUDGE:
Plaintiff,)))
V. UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. 20800 Harvard Road Highland Hills, OH 44122) COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND REINSTATEMENT JURY DEMAND ENDORSED HEREIN
Serve also: UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. c/o ACFB Incorporated 200 Public Square, Suite 2300 Cleveland, Ohio 44114))))))))
Defendant.	j j

Plaintiff, Saretha Land, by and through undersigned counsel, as her Complaint against Defendant, states and avers the following:

PARTIES, JURISDICTION, & VENUE

- 1. Land is a resident of the city of Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga, state of Ohio.
- 2. University Hospitals Health Systems, Inc. ("UH") is an Ohio corporation that operates a business located at 20800 Harvard Road, Highland Hills, Ohio 44122.
- 3. UH was at all times hereinafter mentioned an employer within the meaning of R.C. § 4112.01 et seq.
- 4. All material events alleged in this Complaint occurred in county of Cuyahoga.
- 5. Therefore, personal jurisdiction is proper over Defendant pursuant to R.C. § 2307.382(A)(1) and (3).

- 6. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Civ. R. 3(C)(3) and (6).
- 7. Within 300 days of the conduct alleged below, Land dual-filed a Charge of Discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"), Charge No. 532-2022-02517 against University Hospitals Health Systems, Inc. operating at 20800 Harvard Road, Highland Hills, OH 44122.
- 8. On or about November 3, 2022, the EEOC issued and mailed a Notice of Right to Sue letter to Land regarding the Charges of Discrimination brought by Land against University Hospitals Health Systems, Inc. in EEOC Agency Charge No. 532-2022-02517.
- 9. Land's Right to Sue letter from the EEOC is attached hereto as Plaintiff's Exhibit A.
- 10. Land has filed this Complaint within two years of the events described below.
- 11. Land has properly exhausted her administrative remedies pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1614.407(b) and R.C. § 4112.052 et seq.

FACTS

- 12. Land is an African American woman.
- 13. Land is a former employee of UH.
- 14. UH hired Land on or around September 2001.
- 15. Land suffered from Multiple Sclerosis. ("Land's Disability")
- 16. Land's Disability is a physical impairment.
- 17. Land's Disability is a disability under the ADA.
- 18. Land's Disability is a disability as defined by R.C. § 4112.01.
- 19. UH perceived Land as being disabled.
- 20. UH perceived that Land's Disability constituted a physical impairment.

- 21. UH perceived Land's Disability to substantially impair one or more of her major life activities, including working.
- 22. As a result of suffering from her Disability, Land is and was considered disabled within the meaning of R.C. § 4112.01(A)(13).
- 23. Land is a member of a protected class based on her Disability.
- 24. Despite the actual or perceived Disability, Land was still able to perform the essential functions of her job.
- 25. Land has a record of physical impairment.
- 26. Land disclosed her disability to UH.
- 27. Land's Disability has been well documented throughout her employment with UH.
- 28. In or about late 2020, Land transferred to the Patient Account department as a Patient Account Specialist based, in part, on Land's Disability.
- 29. Charlotte Brown was Land's supervisor in the Patient Account Department in 2020.
- 30. On or about March 11, 2021, Brown met with Land for a performance review.
- 31. Brown reprimanded Land for not meeting the department goal of handling 40 claims per day.
- 32. Land pointed out that many other people in the department were not meeting the 40 claims per day goal.
- 33. Land reminded Brown that her Disability sometimes affected the speed at which Land could work.
- 34. Land told Brown that because of her Disability, some tasks would sometimes take longer than Land expected.
- 35. Land asked Brown for an accommodation based on her Disability. ("Land's First Accommodation Request")

- 36. Land asked Brown for a reduced claims per day goal.
- 37. Land asked Brown for additional training to perform her job faster.
- 38. Brown told Land that Brown's sister also had Multiple Sclerosis, so she understood how to deal with problems related to Multiple Sclerosis.
- 39. Brown told Land that she did not need any accommodation.
- 40. Brown told Land that Land just needed to concentrate on her work and she would meet the 40 claims per day goal.
- 41. Brown told Land that Land just needed to work harder to meet the 40 claims per day goal.
- 42. Brown did not engage Land in an interactive discussion after Land's First Accommodation Request.
- 43. Brown did not provide an accommodation to Land based on Land's First Accommodation Request.
- 44. On or about March 29, 2021, Brown again reprimanded Land for failing to meet the 40 claims per day goal.
- 45. Brown gave Land a verbal warning for failing to meet the 40 claims per day goal.
- 46. Many of Land's coworkers disclosed to Land that they were not meeting the 40 claims per day goal, but had not been reprimanded by Brown.
- 47. Lloyd (Last Name Unknown) told Land that he handled 25 claims on a good day.
- 48. Brown continued to harass Land about not meeting the 40 claims per day goal.
- 49. In or about April 2021, Land became increasingly anxious about being singled out by Brown.
- 50. On or about April 7, 2021, Land requested to work from home as an accommodation.

 ("Land's Second Accommodation Request")
- 51. Brown denied Land's Second Accommodation Request.

- 52. Brown did not engage Land in an interactive discussion after Land's Second Accommodation Request.
- Brown did not provide an accommodation to Land based on Land's Second Accommodation Request.
- 54. On or about April 14, 2021, Land contacted UH Human Resources to request an accommodation based on Land's Disability. ("Land's Third Accommodation Request")
- 55. Land asked for a reduced claims per day goal as an accommodation.
- 56. Land asked for more training to help her reach the 40 claims per day goal.
- 57. Land disclosed to Human Resources that Brown insisted that Land meet the 40 claims per day goal when Land's coworkers were not similarly scrutinized.
- 58. Land disclosed to Human Resources that Brown had denied Land's previous requests for accommodation.
- 59. UH denied Land's Third Accommodation Request.
- 60. UH told Land that each employee must be treated equally and a reduced claims per day goal for Land would be unfair to her coworkers.
- 61. UH did not engage Land in an interactive discussion after Land's Third Accommodation Request.
- 62. UH did not provide an accommodation to Land after Land's Third Accommodation Request.
- 63. On or about May 20, 2021, Brown threatened to suspend Land for insubordination and for failing to meet the 40 claims per day goal.
- 64. Land became extremely anxious about Brown's focus on Land's claims per day goal.
- 65. Land became extremely anxious about UH's refusal to consider a reasonable accommodation based on Lands Disability.

- 66. In or about June 2021, Land began having mental health issues based on the harassment and discrimination from UH and Brown.
- 67. On or about June 7, 2021, Land requested FMLA leave based on Land's Disability and the anxiety and depression she felt from Brown's harassment.
- 68. On or about June 9, 2021, Land complained to Wesley Haymon in UH Human Resources that Brown was discriminating against Land based on Land's Disability. ("Discrimination Report")
- 69. Land asked Haymon to investigate Brown's discriminatory treatment toward Land based on Land's Disability.
- 70. Upon information and belief, Haymon did not investigate Land's Discrimination Report against Brown.
- 71. An employer's failure to investigate, or take prompt remedial action against discrimination, thus allowing the discrimination to continue, is also an adverse employment action. *Ellis v. Jungle Jim's Mkt., Inc.*, 12th Dist. No. CA2014-12-254, 2015-Ohio-4226, 44 N.E.3d 1034, ¶ 39.
- 72. On or about June 9, 2021, Land asked Haymon for an accommodation based on Land's Disability. (Land's Fourth Accommodation Request")
- 73. Haymon did not engage Land in an interactive discussion after Land's Fourth Accommodation Request.
- 74. Haymon did not provide an accommodation to Land after Land's Fourth Accommodation Request.
- 75. On or about August 19, 2021, Land returned to work from FMLA leave.
- 76. Brown continued to harass Land about the 40 claims per day goal.

- 77. Brown began retaliating against Land for Land's Discrimination Report.
- 78. Brown began retaliating against Land for Land's FMLA leave.
- 79. Brown began giving Land corrective action disciplinary warnings for failing to meet the 40 claims per day goal.
- 80. Brown began giving Land corrective action disciplinary warnings for Land's work quality.
- 81. Brown did not give Land's similarly situated but non-disabled coworkers corrective action disciplinary warnings for failing to meet the 40 claims per day goal.
- 82. Brown did not give Land's similarly situated but non-disabled coworkers corrective action disciplinary warnings for work quality.
- 83. After Land was transferred to the Patient Account department under Brown's supervision,

 Land experienced retaliation and discriminatory conduct from Brown.
- 84. On or about February 18, 2022, UH terminated Land's employment based on Brown's corrective action disciplinary warnings.
- 85. UH treated Land unfavorably compared to similarly situated non-disabled coworkers.
- 86. UH's purported reason for Land's termination is pretext for disability discrimination.
- 87. UH's purported reason for Land's termination is pretext for FMLA Retaliation.
- 88. On or about February 18, 2022, UH terminated Land's employment for alleged performance issues.
- 89. On or about February 18, 2022, UH actually terminated Land's employment because of Land's Disabilities.
- 90. On or about February 18, 2022, UH actually terminated Land's employment as retaliation for Land's use of FMLA.

- 91. On or about February 18, 2022, UH actually terminated Land's employment in retaliation for Land's Discrimination Report.
- 92. Upon information and belief, UH permitted similarly situated, non-disabled employees to retain their employment despite behavior that was similar to or worse than Land's.
- 93. UH did not proffer a legitimate non-discriminatory reason for terminating Land.
- 94. Upon information and belief, subsequent to Land's termination, UH hired a non-disabled person to replace Land.
- 95. As a result of UH's discriminatory and retaliatory conduct, Land has suffered and will continue to suffer damages.

COUNT I: DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF R.C. § 4112.02

- 96. Land restates each and every prior paragraph of this Complaint, as if it were fully restated herein.
- 97. Land suffers from Multiple Sclerosis.
- 98. Land is disabled.
- 99. UH perceived Land as being disabled.
- 100. Land's conditions constitute a physical impairment.
- 101. Land's conditions substantially impaired one or more of her major life activities including working.
- 102. UH perceived Land's conditions to substantially impair one or more of her major life activities including working.
- 103. UH treated Land differently than other similarly situated employees based on her disabling conditions.
- 104. UH treated Land differently than other similarly situated employees based on her perceived disabling conditions.

- 105. Despite Land's actual or perceived disabilities, Land was still able to perform all the essential functions of her job.
- 106. On or about February 18, 2022, UH terminated Land's employment without just cause.
- 107. UH terminated Land's employment based on her disabilities.
- 108. UH terminated Land's employment based on her perceived disabilities.
- 109. UH violated R.C. § 4112.02 when they discharged Land based on her disabilities.
- 110. UH violated R.C. § 4112.02 when they discharged Land based on her perceived disabilities.
- 111. UH violated R.C. § 4112.02 by discriminating against Land based on her disabling condition.
- 112. UH violated R.C. § 4112.02 by discriminating against Land based on her perceived disabling condition.
- 113. Land suffered emotional distress as a result of UH's conduct, and is entitled emotional distress damages pursuant to R.C. § 4112.01 et seq.
- 114. As a direct and proximate result of UH's conduct, Land suffered and will continue to suffer damages, including economic, emotional distress and physical sickness damages.

COUNT II: FAILURE TO ACCOMMODATE UNDER R.C. § 4112.02

- 115. Land restates each and every prior paragraph of this Complaint, as if it were fully restated herein.
- 116. Land informed UH of her Disabilities.
- 117. Land informed UH of her disabling condition.
- 118. Land requested accommodations from UH to assist with her disabilities including a reduced claims per day goal, working from home, and additional training.
- 119. Land's requested accommodations were reasonable.
- 120. There were reasonable accommodations available that would have been effective and would have not posed an undue hardship to UH.

- 121. UH failed to engage in the interactive process of determining whether Land needed an accommodation.
- 122. UH failed to provide an accommodation to Land.
- 123. UH violated R.C. § 4112.02 by failing to provide Land a reasonable accommodation.
- 124. Land suffered emotional distress as a result of UH's conduct, and is entitled emotional distress damages pursuant to R.C. § 4112.01 et seq.
- 125. As a direct and proximate result of UH's conduct, Land suffered and will continue to suffer damages, including economic, emotional distress and physical sickness damages.

COUNT VII: RETALIATION IN VIOLATION OF R.C. § 4112.02

- 126. Land restates each and every prior paragraph of this complaint, as if it were fully restated herein.
- 127. As a result of the discriminatory conduct described above, Land complained to UH about the discrimination that she was experiencing.
- 128. Subsequent to Land reporting discrimination to UH, Land's supervisor gave Land corrective action disciplinary warnings for productivity and quality.
- 129. Subsequent to Land reporting discrimination to UH, she was threatened with suspension.
- 130. Subsequent to Land reporting discrimination to UH, she was threatened with termination.
- 131. UH's actions were retaliatory in nature based on Land 's opposition to the unlawful discriminatory conduct.
- 132. Pursuant to R.C. §4112.02(I), it is an unlawful discriminatory practice "to discriminate in any manner against any other person because that person has opposed any unlawful discriminatory practice defined in this section..."

133. As a direct and proximate result of UH's retaliatory discrimination against and termination of Land, she suffered and will continue to suffer damages, including economic damages and emotional distress.

COUNT V: RETALIATION IN VIOLATION OF THE FMLA

- 134. Land restates each and every prior paragraph of this Complaint, as if it were fully restated herein.
- 135. During her employment, Land utilized FMLA leave.
- 136. After Land utilized his qualified FMLA leave, UH retaliated against him.
- 137. UH retaliated against Land by terminating her employment.
- 138. UH willfully retaliated against Land in violation of 29 U.S.C. § 2615(a).
- 139. As a direct and proximate result of UH's wrongful conduct, Land is entitled to all damages provided for in 29 U.S.C. § 2617, including liquidated damages, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

DEMAND FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Land respectfully requests this Court grant the following:

(a) An order requiring UH to restore Land to one of the positions to which she was entitled by

virtue of her application and qualifications, and expunge her personnel file of all negative

documentation;

(b) An award against UH of compensatory and monetary damages to compensate Land for lost

wages, forward damages, emotional distress, and other consequential damages, in an amount

in excess of \$25,000 per claim to be proven at trial;

(c) An award of punitive damages against UH in an amount in excess of \$25,000;

(d) An award of reasonable attorneys' fees and non-taxable costs for Land claims as allowable

under law;

(e) An award of the taxable costs of this action; and

(f) An award of such other relief as this Court may deem necessary and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Fred M. Bean

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff Saretha Land demands a trial by jury by the maximum number of jurors permitted.

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DETERMINATION AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS

(This Notice replaces EEOC FORMS 161 & 161-A)

Issued On: 11/03/2022

To: Saretha Land 874 King George Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44121

Charge No: 532-2022-02517

EEOC Representative:

Legal Unit (267) 589-9707

DETERMINATION OF CHARGE

The EEOC issues the following determination: The EEOC will not proceed further with its investigation and makes no determination about whether further investigation would establish violations of the statute. This does not mean the claims have no merit. This determination does not certify that the respondent is in compliance with the statutes. The EEOC makes no finding as to the merits of any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge.

NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHT TO SUE

This is official notice from the EEOC of the dismissal of your charge and of your right to sue. If you choose to file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) on this charge under federal law in federal or state court, your lawsuit must be filed WITHIN 90 DAYS of your receipt of this notice. Receipt generally occurs on the date that you (or your representative) view this document. You should keep a record of the date you received this notice. Your right to sue based on this charge will be lost if you do not file a lawsuit in court within 90 days. (The time limit for filing a lawsuit based on a claim under state law may be different.)

If you file a lawsuit based on this charge, please sign-in to the EEOC Public Portal and upload the court complaint to charge 532-2022-02517.

On behalf of the Commission,

Digitally Signed By: Dilip Gokhale 11/03/2022

Dilip Gokhale Director

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PLAINTIFF,

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V.

HONORABLE KELLY ANN **GALLAGHER**

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.,

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING OF REMOVAL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), Defendant University Hospitals Health Systems, Inc. ("Defendant"), files herewith a copy of the Notice of Removal, which was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, on this 7th day of March, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David A. Campbell

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 7th day of March, 2023, the foregoing was filed through the Court's CM/ECF electronic filing system. A copy of this filing will be sent to all parties through the court's ECF system. If a party is not registered with the court's ECF system, a true and correct copy will be sent via email and U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

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